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SUBJECT: WEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

1. VISIT DEPUTY SECRETARY DEFENSE WILLIAM F. CLEMEN
TO SANA AT HEAD HIGH-LEVEL AMERICAN MILITARY DELEGA
RECEIVED FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE YARG GOVERNMENT DAILY
AL-THOWRA AND WAS FEATURED IN SANA TELEVISION NEWS.
THIS VISIT WHICH CAME ON HEELS OF HISTORIC YAR-SAUD
AGREEMENT IN JUNE TO PURCHASE \$149 MILLION WORTH OF
US ARMS WAS HIGHEST LEVEL US VISIT TO YAR SINCE
SECRETARY ROGERS RE-OPENED RELATIONS IN 1972. WHILE
PRESIDENT IBRAHIM IL-HAMDI WAS ABSENT BECAUSE OF AR
SUMMIT IKN CAIRO, SECRETARY CLEMENTS WAS GUEST OF

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MEMBER OF COMMAND COUNCIL AND CHIEF OF ARMED FORCES

LT. COL. AHMED AL-GHASHMI OCTOBER 26-27. HIS TALKS WITH LT. COL. AL-GHASHMI AND PRIME MINISTER ABDUL AZIZ ABDUL-GHANI WERE SOME OF FRANKEST AND MOST WIDE-RANGING EVER HELD BETWEEN US AND YEMEN AND REFLECT EXPANSION US PROGRAM HERE AND INCREASINGLY CLOSE TIES BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES. WHILE VISIT SHORT, LT. COL. AL-GHASHMI HOSTED A BANQUET WHICH WAS FITTING CELEBRATION NEW US-YEMENI RELATIONS. SOME 2000 RIFLEMEN FROM MORE THAN HALF DOZEN VILLAGES PERFORMED TRADITIONAL YEMENI DANCES.

2. ONE OF THREE-MAN CONGRESSIONAL STAFF TEAM FROM HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE, MICHAEL VAN DUSEN WAS PROWLED INTO BEING VOLUNTRAY SPEAKER AT SANA UNIVERSITY OCTOBER 23. ADDRESSING FACULTY MEMBERS AND STUDENTS OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND ECONOMIC DEPARTMENTS, DR. VAN DUSEN SPOKE ON "ROLE OF CONGRESS IN FOREIGN POLICY". IN REVERSE OF CONGRESSMAN'S USUAL ROLE STAFF CONSULTANT VAN DUSEN FOUND HIMSELF ANSWERING SHARP AND WLL- PHRASED QUESTIONS ABOUT WIDE RANGE AFRICAN AND ME ISSUES. HIS ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS PLUS NEW AREAS FOREIGN POLICY ENTERED BY CONGRESS SINCE VIETNAM WAR GAVE STUDENTS FRANK AND WINNING INSIGHT INTO AMERICAN

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SYSTEM AND FOREIGN POLICY. HIS RECEPTION WAS
EXCELLENT IN SANA INSTITUTION WHICH STANDS HIGH IN OUR
LIST OF PRIORITIES AND HIS TALK WAS IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF
POST OBJECTIVE NUMBER ONE TO "GENERATE BROADER
UNDERSTANDING OF US FOREIGN POLICY" AND THAT WE ARE
"IRREVOCABLY COMMITTED TO A JUST AND LASTING SETTLEMENT
OF THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT."

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